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Welcome to *BioResearch Open Access*

Jane Taylor, PhD

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We hope that this new venture will provide a stimulating forum for biomedical research and discussion, and we welcome your active participation and article submissions.

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